(a) whether Government have set up a committee headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Transport, to go into the question of private participation in road construction and maintenance; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the other members of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Banning of private contractors from handling cargo operations at Airports

397. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban private contractors from handling cargo operations at airports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present, no private contractors are acting as cargo handling agents at any of the airports. The question of imposing a ban, therefore, does not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Setting up of Rural Universities

398. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Rural Universities; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education-1986 visualises the consolidation and development of the new pattern of Rural Universities on the line of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas on Education. The details of the scheme for establishment of Rural Universities have not yet been finalised.

Manufacture of aircraft for Vayudoot

399. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to manufacture aircraft for Vayudoot in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present, to manufacture any aircraft for Vayudoot apart from Dornier aircraft already being manufactured by HAL.

Functions of the National Airports Authority

400. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 157 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd April, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the National Airports Authority has recently been set up; and

(b) if so, what are its functions and what are the names of its Chairman and other Members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Airports Authority has been constituted on the 21st of May, 1986 and has become operational on the 1st of June, 1986. The Authority has been established for the management of aerodromes and civil enclaves